MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Toddy Shops in Kalkulam Range.

291. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(1) the number of toddy shops given on contract in 1096 and 1097 in the present Kalkulam Range;

(2) the rental for each of these shops;

(3) the number of shops not maintained till the expiry of the contract;

(4) the number of trees tapped in each half-year under each shop;

(5) the amount of tree-tax fixed for each shop; and

(6) the tree-tax realised from each shop?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a similar statement for the whole of 1098 and the first half of 1099 under the biennial contract for 1098 and 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements † giving the required information are laid on the table.

Arrack Shops in Neyyattinkara Range.

292. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(1) the number of arrack shops given on contract in 1096 and 1097 in the present Neyyattinkara Range (Neyyattinkara, Karinkulam and Nemam);

(2) the number among them re-auctioned;

(3) the quantity of arrack sold every month from each of those shops in 1096 and 1097; and

(4) the rental for each shop?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a similar statement for the whole of 1098 and the first half of 1099 under the biennial contract for 1098 and 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) Thirty-six arrack shops were given on contract in the Neyyattinkara Range for 1096 and 1097. The number of arrack shops in the range remained the same for the 1098-99 contract also.

(2) One arrack shop was resold in the 1096-97 contract and two arrack shops were resold in the 1098-99 contract.

(3) and (4) The information has been called for.

(*b*) A statement giving the information is available for perusal by the member in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

† *Vide* appendix VIII A and B—pages 999 and 1000. * *Vide* appendix VII—page 998.

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